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- 1) Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111
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Title:	Process for Converting Lignins Into	)	
	a High Octane Blending Component )		

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, which rejected the claims in the above-identified patent application, applicants respectfully request reconsideration based upon the amendments hereinafter set forth.